

Docket No.: 050395-0373

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Masatada NUMANO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 7856
Application No.: 10/579,442	:	Group Art Unit: 1793
Filed: May 15, 2006	:	Examiner: Kevin P. KERNS
For: CASTING NOZZLE		

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on June 9, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A request for continued examination is being concurrently filed herewith.